

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A switching device comprising a working shaft (3) and a control shaft (4) installed in a frame part (2), the control shaft being rotatable and adapted to turn the working shaft, and the working shaft (3) being adapted to change the position of poles of the switching device, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ one (4) of said two shafts (3, 4) passes through the other (3), and ~~that wherein~~ said shafts (3, 4) are at an angle relative to one another.
2. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the control shaft (4) passes through the working shaft (3).
3. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the axes of rotation of the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) intercept.
4. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the angle at which the axes of rotation of the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) intercept is substantially 90°.
5. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the working shaft (3) and the control shaft (4) are shaped in such a manner that they limit each other's rotational angles to desired values.

6. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ the control shaft (4) is rotatable from either axial end.
7. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ its control shaft (4) is adapted to be connected to a control shaft (4) of another similar type of switching device in a manner allowing the working shafts (3) of both switching device to be turned by rotating the control shaft (4) of one or the other switching device.
8. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that the wherein~~ control shaft (4) is a pipe shaft, and ~~in that wherein~~ the control shaft (4) is adapted to be connected to a control shaft (4) of another similar type of switching device by means of an inner shaft insertable into the control shafts.
9. (New) A switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the axes of rotation of the working shaft and the control shaft intercept.
10. (New) A switching device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the working shaft and the control shaft are shaped in such a manner that they limit each other's rotational angles to desired values.
11. (New) A switching device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the control shaft is rotatable from either axial end.